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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Slavic)
Countries:	Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, Turkey, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania
Number of speakers:	9 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by two native speakers via an online survey. The patterns of both speakers are identical.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) Momcheto i mazhat tichat.
boy.SG and man.SG run.3PL
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. Momchetata i mazhat tichat.
boy.PL and man.SG run.3PL
‘The boys and the man run.’
b. Momcheto i mazhete tichat.
boy.SG and man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy and the men run.’

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: The verb appears in between both conjuncts (C_1 V *or* C_2). The verb matches the number of the preverbal conjunct (the one that is closer to the verb).

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
	sg	pl
sg	sg	sg
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (3) Momcheto ticha ili mazhat.
boy.SG run.3SG or man.SG
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (4) a. Momchetata tichat ili mazhat.
boy.PL run.3PL or man.SG
‘The boys or the man run.’
b. Momcheto ticha ili mazhete.
boy.SG run.3SG or man.PL
‘The boy or the men run.’

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The verb can appear in between both conjuncts (C_1 V *and* C_2) or after both conjuncts (C_1 *and* C_2 V). When both conjuncts are preverbal, person seems to follow a hierarchy. If the second conjunct is postverbal, there is agreement with the preverbal conjunct (the one that is closer to the verb).

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	3pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (5) a. Ti i az tichame
You.2SG and I.1SG run.1PL
'You and I run.'
- b. Az i ti tichame.
I.1SG and you.2SG run.1PL
'I and you run.'
- (6) a. I nie tichame. i te
and We.1PL run.1PL and they.3PL
'We and they run.'
- b. I te tichat i nie
and They.3PL run.3PL and we.1PL
'They and we run.'

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: The verb appears in between both conjuncts (C_1 V *or* C_2). The verb agrees with the preverbal conjunct (the one that is closer to the verb).

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1	1
2	2		
3	3		

Examples:

- (7) a. Ti tichash ili az.
You.2SG run.2SG or I.1SG
'You or I run.'
- b. Az ticham ili ti.
I.1SG run.1SG or you.2SG

‘I or you run.’

- (8) a. Nie tichame ili te.
We.1PL run.1PL or they.3PL
‘We or they run.’
- b. Te tichat ili nie.
They.3PL run.3PL or we.1PL
‘They or we run.’